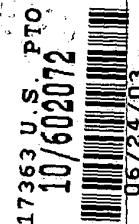




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Prior Application Art Unit: 1765 Prior Application Examiner: Hiteshew, Felisa Carla

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/739,905 filed December 20, 2000 of Shoji SETA and Hideo ICHINOSE for DRY ETCHING METHOD AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/739,905 as originally filed on December 20, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☐ Cancel Claims.
5. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☐ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ 750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	20	-	20	0	x \$18	0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84	0.00
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Subtotal						\$ 750.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 750.00

7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:
- This is a continuation of Application No. 09/739,905, filed December 20, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.
10. ☐ New acceptable drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba at Reel 011386/Frame 0692.
12. ☒ Priority of Application No. 11-372006, filed on December 28, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
- ☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
13. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
14. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F.

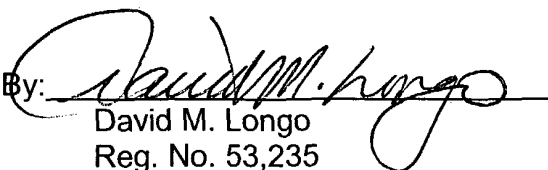
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15. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
18. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_
19. ☒ Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449 and a Substitute Abstract

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/739,905, filed December 20, 2000, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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